

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed remarks and analysis, and acknowledges reopening of prosecution in view of the Appeal Brief filed on January 20, 2008. Claims 1-3, 11-14 and 20-25 remain pending. Claims 26 and 27 have been added.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to require that the DC bus bars are integrated into the housing. This feature is not disclosed or suggested by the proposed combination of Parkhill (U.S. 2002/0034088) and Lindemann (U.S. 6,507,108). Parkhill discloses a separate DC bus bar (Figure 12). The Lindemann reference also does not disclose this feature. Accordingly, the proposed combination does not disclose or suggest all the features in claims 1 and 11.

Claims 20-25 were rejected as being obvious over the combination of Parkhill and Lindemann in further view of Romero (U.S. 5,544,412). Claims 20-25 depend from an allowable base claim and are therefore also in allowable form.

Claims 26 and 27 have been added and depend from claims 1 and 11 respectively. Claims 26 and 27 require that the DC bus bar is integrally molded as part of the housing. This feature is not disclosed or suggested in the cited prior art.

Accordingly, the claims are believed in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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